



Dear Parent(s): Providence Catholic's Annual Fall Harvest Drive is right around the corner! Now is the time to start putting together a list of potential patrons to help you reach your fundraising goal.

Please take a moment to review this newsletter to familiarize yourself with the details and important dates relating to this **MANDATORY student fundraiser**, which officially kicks off on **Monday, August 31, 2026**.

Many questions may be answered by visiting the Harvest Drive tile in blackbaud. If you are unable to find an answer, please feel free to contact me at (815) 717-3162 or email your question to harvestdrive@providencecatholic.org

Sincerely,
Celine Pierce
Harvest Drive Coordinator

HISTORY

The Fall Harvest Drive was initiated in 1968 to raise funds for Providence, which was facing a serious financial crisis. In an effort to prevent Providence from closing its doors, the school held a car raffle and carnival that generated \$15,000 the first year and \$32,000 the following year. Encouraged by the results of this fundraising effort, the Joliet Diocese decided to keep the doors open. Since then, the Fall Harvest Drive has become an annual event, which enables Providence Catholic to keep its tuition competitive with other private schools in the area. Students raised more than \$300,000 last year.

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 31	Harvest Drive kicks off*
SEPTEMBER 17	Money Turn-In (Day 1)
SEPTEMBER 30	Money Turn-In (Day 2 - Final)
OCTOBER 2	Grand Prize Raffle Drawing During the Harvest Drive Olympics.

** Raffle tickets and instructions will be distributed to students*

PURPOSE

The Fall Harvest Drive is a **MANDATORY student fundraiser that involves the participation of the entire Providence Catholic community. Income generated through the Harvest Drive is vital to the financial stability of the school; proceeds are built directly into the school's operating budget. Thanks to the support from the local community and area businesses, Providence is able to keep tuition increases at a minimum and still provide an outstanding college preparatory education to its students**

DETAILS

- Each student is required to raise a **minimum of \$450**, while families with two or more students at Providence are required to raise a **minimum of \$650**.
- Each family will receive raffle tickets worth their required quota (\$10 per ticket). These tickets along with a reference guide will be **distributed to students on August 31**.
- Students may reach their mandatory fundraising quota by **selling raffle tickets and/or selling advertisement listing(s)** that will appear in the Harvest Drive E-Directory via the PCHS website.
- **All unsold raffle tickets must be returned** to avoid additional charges.
- This year's Drive **begins on Monday, August 31 and concludes on Wednesday, September 30**.
- Please visit your Blackbaud parent portal and navigate to Resources > Harvest Drive for more information and to view/print forms.

ADVERTISING COSTS

Advertising costs for a listing in the 2026-2027 Harvest Drive E-Directory are as follows:

Platinum Level - \$500

- 12 month listing (December-November)
- Featured listing on E-Directory Home Page
- Featured listing on Ad Category Page
- Link to your listing in social media promotions

Gold Level - \$300

- 6 month listing (December-June)
- Featured listing on Ad Category Page
- Link to your listing in social media promotions

Bronze Level - \$100

- 3 month listing (December-February)
- Link to your listing in social media promotions

STUDENT INCENTIVES

Student/Family Prizes will be awarded to those who go above and beyond! Prizes will be awarded to the top-five students with the highest sales and the top-five families with the highest sales. In addition, all students/families that exceed their quota by at least \$50 will be eligible to receive tuition credit or gift card incentives up to \$500.

All prizes* are listed on the Harvest Drive web page.

Top seller prizes are capped at \$1,000 and will be awarded in the form of tuition credit. If a student/family's account is paid in full, they will receive a credit to their tuition account, but may request a check from the tuition office for any overage.

All money must be received by 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30 to qualify for student prizes. However, late money will be accepted for advertisement listings through October 23 and applied toward the student's quota. Late money will not be considered when determining student prizes.

RAFFLE PRIZES

Individuals who purchase raffle tickets will have the chance to win great prizes!

The raffle ticket Grand Prize Drawing will take place on Friday, October 2 during the Harvest Drive Olympics. Winner need not be present. Winners names will be posted to the PCHS website.

RAFFLE PRIZES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Grand Prize	\$10,000
1st Prize	\$2,000
2nd Prize	\$1,000
3rd-4th Prize	\$500
5th-8th Prize	\$200
9th-10th Prize	\$100

E-DIRECTORY

To purchase an advertisement listing, patrons must complete the Platinum, Gold or Bronze Level form online. It is imperative to follow all directions to ensure the listing appears correctly in the E-Directory. Online payments are preferred, however, checks payable to "PCHS" will also be accepted. No cash will be accepted. Ad listings will not be processed until payment is received.

Be sure to give businesses ample time for advertising authorization so they are able to purchase their advertisement by 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30.

Ad listings will be posted on the PCHS website via the Harvest Drive E-Directory on November 1. Students may also sell ad listings to family and friends who would like to convey a personal message; these ads will be placed in the "Family/Happy Ads" category of the E-Directory.



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PLEASE READ...IMPORTANT TIME-SENSITIVE INFORMATION REGARDING HARVEST DRIVE 2026

August 2026

Dear Providence Catholic Family,

Today officially kicks off **HARVEST DRIVE 2026**, the school's annual all-student mandatory fundraiser. Income generated through the Harvest Drive is vital to the financial stability of the school and all proceeds are built directly into the school's operating budget.

All Providence Catholic students are required to participate in this fundraiser. They can fulfill their obligation two ways:

1. **Selling advertisement listing(s)** in the **Harvest Drive E-Directory and/or**
2. **Selling \$10 Raffle Tickets** to businesses, community members, family and friends.

Enclosed, you will find your Raffle Tickets, which are equivalent to your quota (i.e. 45 tickets worth \$450 for individual students and 65 tickets worth \$650 for families with two or more students attending PCHS). Families may reach their quota by selling **Raffle Tickets, which will be sold at \$10 each**. Individuals who purchase Raffle Tickets are eligible to win numerous prizes including the **\$10,000 Harvest Drive Grand Prize** that will be drawn on **Friday, October 2**. Additional Raffle Tickets will be drawn for **1st through 10th prizes**, which range from **\$100 to \$2,000**. Winners need not be present to win. All **Unsold Raffle Tickets** must be returned by **Wednesday, September 30**. Unsold tickets should be placed in a sealed envelope with the student's name and the wording "UNSOLD". These tickets should be given to Mrs. Pierce via the main office.

Students may also choose to meet their quota, by **selling advertisement listing(s)** in the **Harvest Drive E-Directory**, which will be accessed through the school's website. A link to the E-Directory is prominently posted on the school's website and is also featured in our prominent social media posts reaching **more than 10,000** of our constituents.

The **THREE** giving level options and their details are listed below. This E-Directory format does not include graphics; only listings.

PLATINUM LEVEL AD LISTING - \$500

- **12 MONTH listing (12/26 – 11/27) ***
- **Featured listing on E-Directory home page**
- **Featured listing on selected category page**
- **Link to your listing in monthly electronic Celtic E-News (December-May)**

GOLD LEVEL AD LISTING - \$300

- **6 MONTH listing (12/26 – 6/27) ***
- **Featured listing on selected category page**

IMPORTANT: Patrons should consult their personal accountant when filing their taxes and including this ad listing as an advertising expense or tax write-off. Providence Catholic High School is a non-for-profit organization and has a 501 (c) (3) designation.

BRONZE LEVEL AD LISTING - \$100

- **3 MONTH listing (12/26 – 3/27) ***

**Ad listings will post the first day of December 2026 and expire the last day of March (Bronze), June (Gold) and November (Platinum) 2026.*

IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE RAFFLE DRAWING AND FOR AD SALES TO BE CREDITED TO A STUDENT/FAMILY FOR COMPETITIVE PRIZES, ALL PAYMENTS FOR RAFFLE TICKETS AND ADS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 9:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

PCHS accepts the following form of payments for: E-Directory Ad Listing (check, PayPal, credit*); raffle ticket sales (cash or check). Please make checks payable to PCHS and include "Harvest Drive" in the memo section. **credit = Discover, MasterCard or Visa only*

Students/Families who do not fulfill their minimum Harvest Drive fundraising obligation will be billed on their November tuition statement for any remaining balance.

Refer to the "Quick Reference Guide" located on the back of this letter for more specific details, instructions and important dates.

Additional information can also be found by visiting the [Harvest Drive webpage](#). However, if you are unable to find an answer please email Mrs. Celine Pierce, Harvest Drive Coordinator at harvestdrive@providencecatholic.org or call (815) 717-3162.

Sincerely,

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HARVEST DRIVE QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

IMPORTANT DATES

8/31	Harvest Drive Kick Off (Ticket Distribution)
9/17	1 st Money Turn in the Small Gym
9/30	2 nd Money Turn in the Small Gym
10/02	Harvest Drive Olympics and in-person Grand Prize Raffle Drawing
11/02	Harvest Drive Student Prize Selection

SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS

One way to meet your fundraising obligation is to **sell Raffle Tickets** at \$10 each, which will give the purchaser a chance at eleven cash prizes ranging from \$10,000 - \$100. When selling tickets, be sure the purchaser's information is printed legibly on each ticket purchased. Collect money for each ticket you sell. Carefully separate the top portion of each ticket and place in an envelope with the money you collect. Give the purchaser the bottom portion of the ticket as their receipt. **You may obtain extra Raffle Tickets from Mrs. Pierce beginning September 1.**

E-DIRECTORY ADVERTISEMENT LISTING

The second way to meet your fundraising quota is to sell advertisement listing(s) in the Harvest Drive E-Directory. Patrons may choose from three levels (**Platinum Ad** = \$500, **Gold Ad** = \$300 and **Bronze Ad** = \$100). Students should provide patrons with a business letter (available online) with instructions on purchasing an ad or direct them to the Harvest Drive webpage.

MONEY TURN-IN DAYS

Students who collect money for raffle tickets and/or ad listings should **bring their money, sold raffle ticket stubs and Money Turn-In Form** in an envelope on the **designated Money Turn-In Days**, which will take place in **designated areas before school**. Students must complete a **Money Turn-In Form** (available in this packet and online) that lists the contents of what they are turning in.

- **1st Money Turn-In Day – September 17**
- **2nd Money Turn-In Day – September 30**

MONEY RECEIVED ONLINE OR THROUGH MAIL

All money received online or through the mail will be processed within 2 business days and posted on the **receipts** form on the Harvest Drive webpage. Credit is sorted by the student's PCHS ID#.

HARVEST DRIVE FORMS

Forms may be downloaded from the Harvest Drive webpage or are available for pick up after school in the Learning Commons.

The **Business Letter** is used to solicit prospective patrons to purchase an advertisement listing in the E-Directory. This letter instructs patrons on how to purchase their ad online.

The **Money Turn-In Form** MUST BE completed and accompany any money brought in on designated Money Turn-In Days. This form is used to verify the contents of your return (money, tickets, ad listings). **Do not list money that arrived online or through the mail.**

TOP SELLER PRIZES

PCHS will award prizes to the **top-five students** with the **highest sales** and the **top-five families** with the **highest sales**. Top seller prizes **range from \$200 - \$1,000** and will be awarded in the form of tuition credit.

STUDENT PRIZES

Students/Families that surpass their Harvest Drive quota **by at least \$50** are entitled to receive tuition credit or a gift card. Students/Families that are eligible to claim a prize will be emailed a **Prize Selection Form** on Monday, November 2. Gift card prizes will be distributed in early December. Tuition credit will be reflected on the December tuition statements.

UNSOLD RAFFLE TICKETS

All **Unsold Raffle Tickets** must be returned by **Wednesday, September 30**. Unsold tickets should be placed in a sealed envelope with the student's name and the wording "UNSOLD". These tickets should be given to Mrs. Pierce via the main office.

DEADLINES

All money **must** be turned in by 9am on **Wednesday, September 30** to qualify for **any** student prizes. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. All sold Raffle Tickets must be turned in by 3pm on **Wednesday, September 30** to be entered in the raffle drawing.

LATE MONEY

PCHS will accept late money for online advertisements through **October 23**, which will be credited toward the student/family's Harvest Drive obligation. However, late money will not be considered when determining student/family prize incentives.

HARVEST DRIVE OLYMPICS/RAFFLE DRAWING

The **Harvest Drive Raffle Drawing** will take place on **Friday, October 2** during the Harvest Drive Olympics.

QUESTIONS?

- Visit [Harvest Drive](#) page of PCHS website
- Contact Mrs. Pierce at 815.717.3162
- Email harvestdrive@providencecatholic.org



Money Turn-In Form

Use the form below to list the number of raffle tickets and the amount of money that you are turning in today for the Harvest Drive. This form should **ONLY** be used when making a "return" on the designated Money Turn-In Days. There is also a section below to include any checks/cash for patrons who purchased an E-Directory ad listing and provided you with the ad contract and money. Please include the ad contract with this form and place in your student envelope.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT LIST ANY MONEY THAT WAS RECEIVED ONLINE, THRU THE MAIL OR MONEY THAT YOU ANTICIPATE RECEIVING. LIST ONLY MONEY (CASH/CHECKS) THAT YOU HAVE IN YOUR POSSESSION TODAY! CHECKS PREFERABLE!

Today's Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Class year: _____

Student ID # (if known): _____

PCHS Siblings? Yes No

List PCHS Siblings (if applicable): _____

RAFFLE TICKET SALES	EXAMPLE	TOTAL
What is the Total Number of Raffle Tickets you are turning in today?	15	TICKETS
What is the Total Amount of Money that you are turning in for raffle tickets today?	\$150.00	\$

Do you have an ad contract and money for an E-Directory advertisement listing? If so, use the space below to write/type the patron's name/business, check # (if applicable) and the total dollar amount of the ad(s). Place an "X" under the appropriate ad level (Platinum, Gold, Bronze) and if the patron paid with cash or check.

E-DIRECTORY AD LISTING (PATRON NAME/BUSINESS)	\$500 PLATINUM	\$300 GOLD	\$100 BRONZE	CASH	CHECK #	TOTAL \$
1.						
2.						
3.						

GRAND TOTAL \$
Combine the Total Amount of cash/checks that you are turning in today (include money from ad listings (if applicable) and raffle ticket sales). \$

For office use only:

Cash	Check	Spread	Dep

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E-Directory Advertisement Contract

By completing the contract below, you are allowing Providence Catholic High School to publish your listing via the Harvest Drive E-Directory on the school's website. **This form should only be completed if you are submitting this contract and payment via U.S. mail or in person. Otherwise, all ad contract and payment should be made online.**

SELECT GIVING LEVEL*

Platinum (\$500)

Gold (\$300)

Bronze (\$100)

* Mandatory Fields

BUSINESS/INDIVIDUAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Business Name

Sort Name (see below)

No Business

Note: The "Sort Name" will help to ensure your ad is listed in alphabetical order under your selected category. For example: The Home Depot's "Sort Name" should be entered as "Home Depot, The" so the listing is sorted by "H" rather than "T".

Contact's First Name*

Contact's Last Name*

Address*

City*

State (IL)*

Zip*

Phone Number* (10 digits - numbers only)

Email Address*

WHICH STUDENT SHOULD RECEIVE CREDIT FOR SELLING THIS ADVERTISEMENT?

Note: In cases of families with two or more students at PCHS, please list only one of the student's names. Credit will be divided equally.

(1) Student FIRST Name*

(1) Student LAST Name*

(1) Student ID #(if known)

IF APPLICABLE, ADD ADDITIONAL STUDENT/ FAMILY CREDIT BELOW.

No Additional Student Credit

Note: Limited to a total of four students/families. Credit will be divided equally.

(2) Student FIRST Name

(2) Student LAST Name

(2) Student ID #(if known)

(3) Student FIRST Name

(3) Student LAST Name

(3) Student ID #(if known)



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August 2026

Dear Friend,

Providence Catholic High School would like you to consider participating in its **Annual Fall Harvest Drive**, the school's only all-student fundraising event. Providence Catholic is located in New Lenox and serves students from numerous surrounding communities. This year's Drive will officially begin on **Monday, August 30** and will conclude on **Friday, October 2** with the raffle drawing.

All Providence Catholic students are required to participate in this fundraiser. Their obligation may be fulfilled by **selling advertisement listing(s)** in the **Harvest Drive E-Directory** and/or **selling raffle tickets** to businesses, community members, family and friends.

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Thank you,

Fr. John Merkelis, OSA President

If you would like to purchase an advertising listing, please follow the instructions below.



FIVE STEPS TO PURCHASE AN ADVERTISEMENT LISTING IN THE HARVEST DRIVE E-DIRECTORY

1. Visit [Harvest Drive web page](#)
2. Choose your giving level
3. Complete and submit the advertising contract
4. Make your payment

** Credit for ad listings may be split between up to four families. In cases of multiple siblings attending PCHS, please list only the oldest student's name. Credit will be divided equally to the nearest dollar unless specified otherwise.*

The following student(s) should receive credit for selling this advertisement listing.*

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|----|------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 1) | First Name | Last Name | PCHS ID # (if known) |
| 2) | First Name | Last Name | PCHS ID # (if known) |
| 3) | First Name | Last Name | PCHS ID # (if known) |
| 4) | First Name | Last Name | PCHS ID # (if known) |



Student/Family Prize Incentives

Students/Families that surpass their Harvest Drive quota by at least \$50 are entitled to receive tuition credit or a gift card to Starbucks, Target, or the PCHS Spirit Shop. Below are two charts; one for individual students and one for families with two or more students attending Providence Catholic. All money must be turned in by **9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 30 (NO EXCEPTIONS)** to be applied toward the student/family's "Total Return". Students/Families who are eligible to claim a prize will be emailed a **Prize Selection Form** on **Monday, November 2**. Gift card prizes will be distributed in early December. Tuition credit will be reflected on the December tuition statements.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PRIZE INCENTIVES			
Total Return Range			Prize
\$ 500.00	-	\$ 599.00	\$10
\$ 600.00	-	\$ 699.00	\$20
\$ 700.00	-	\$ 799.00	\$30
\$ 800.00	-	\$ 899.00	\$60
\$ 900.00	-	\$ 999.00	\$75
\$ 1,000.00	-	\$ 1,099.00	\$90
\$ 1,100.00	-	\$ 1,199.00	\$105
\$ 1,200.00	-	\$ 1,299.00	\$125
\$ 1,300.00	-	\$ 1,399.00	\$140
\$ 1,400.00	-	\$ 1,499.00	\$200
\$ 1,500.00	-	\$ 1,599.00	\$220
\$ 1,600.00	-	\$ 1,699.00	\$245
\$ 1,700.00	-	\$ 1,799.00	\$265
\$ 1,800.00	-	\$ 1,899.00	\$285
\$ 1,900.00	-	\$ 1,999.00	\$305
\$ 2,000.00	-	\$ 2,099.00	\$325
\$ 2,100.00	-	\$ 2,199.00	\$345
\$ 2,200.00	-	\$ 2,299.00	\$365
\$ 2,300.00	-	\$ 2,399.00	\$385
\$ 2,400.00	-	\$ 2,499.00	\$405
\$ 2,500.00	-	\$ 2,599.00	\$425
\$ 2,600.00	-	\$ 2,699.00	\$445
\$ 2,700.00	-	\$ 2,799.00	\$465
\$ 2,800.00	-	\$ 2,999.00	\$485
\$ 3,000.00	-	or more	\$500

FAMILY PRIZE INCENTIVES			
Total Return Range			Prize
\$ 700.00	-	\$ 799.00	\$10
\$ 800.00	-	\$ 899.00	\$20
\$ 900.00	-	\$ 999.00	\$30
\$ 1,000.00	-	\$ 1,099.00	\$60
\$ 1,100.00	-	\$ 1,199.00	\$75
\$ 1,200.00	-	\$ 1,299.00	\$90
\$ 1,300.00	-	\$ 1,399.00	\$105
\$ 1,400.00	-	\$ 1,499.00	\$125
\$ 1,500.00	-	\$ 1,599.00	\$140
\$ 1,600.00	-	\$ 1,699.00	\$200
\$ 1,700.00	-	\$ 1,799.00	\$220
\$ 1,800.00	-	\$ 1,899.00	\$245
\$ 1,900.00	-	\$ 1,999.00	\$265
\$ 2,000.00	-	\$ 2,099.00	\$285
\$ 2,100.00	-	\$ 2,199.00	\$305
\$ 2,200.00	-	\$ 2,299.00	\$325
\$ 2,300.00	-	\$ 2,399.00	\$345
\$ 2,400.00	-	\$ 2,499.00	\$365
\$ 2,500.00	-	\$ 2,599.00	\$385
\$ 2,600.00	-	\$ 2,699.00	\$405
\$ 2,700.00	-	\$ 2,799.00	\$425
\$ 2,800.00	-	\$ 2,899.00	\$445
\$ 2,900.00	-	\$ 2,999.00	\$465
\$ 3,000.00	-	or more	\$500

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